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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR MCHENRY FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, AO, CG

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR ANGOLANS RE SHABA INCURSION

1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH
ANGOLAN PERMREP FIGUEIREDO TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS
REGARDING THE CURRENT INCURSION INTO SHABA BY KATANGANS:

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-- WE ARE GREATLY DISTURBED ABOUT THE NEW INVASION OF
SHABA BY KATANGAN GENDARMES.

-- BEYOND THAT, THE INVASION IS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR THE
PROSPECTS OF PEACE IN THE REGION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
SECURE NATIONAL BORDERS. IT IS A CHALLENGE TO THE
PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND TO THE OAU CHARTER.

-. WE HAVE FOUND THE VARIOUS CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVES ON CERTAIN ISSUES SUCH AS NAMIBIA, TO HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE AND HELPFUL. AND AS SECRETARY VANCE TOLD ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE IN NEW YORK APRIL 30, HE PERSONALLY HOPES ANGOLAN-U.S. RELATIONS CAN CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

-- AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US IS THE WELFARE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 U.S. CITIZENS IN THE AFFECTED AREA.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT ANGOLA HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE CURRENT CRISIS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT.

2. FOR BRUSSELS: BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DELAY IN SECURING AN APPOINTMENT FOR USUN APPROACH TO ANGOLAN PERMREP FIGUEIREDO, AMBASSADOR OR NEXT HIGHEST-RANKING EMBASSY OFFICIAL IS INSTRUCTED TO MEET IMMEDIATELY WITH ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR ALMEIDA TO MAKE SAME POINTS. (ALMEIDA IS ANGOLA'S LEADING DIPLOMAT IN WESTERN EUROPE, WITH CLOSE TIES TO NETO.)

3. FOR ROME AND BRAZZAVILLE: IT IS OUR JUDGMENT NOW THAT SHABA ISSUE CAN BEST BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY WITH ANGOLANS, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY
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OF ACTING THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES LATER.

4. FOR KINSHASA: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MOBUTU TO BE AWARE OF THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT WE PLAN TO TELL THE ANGOLANS, AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO BRIEF HIM ACCORDINGLY. VANCE

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